

REMARKS**1. Petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.182.**

Applicant has filed a Petition under 37 CFR 1.182 regarding the amendment to Applicant's claim of priority. Although the Petition was purportedly granted, the relief requested by Applicant was not granted. Therefore, Applicant is filing this Response.

2. Priority Claim.

Applicant has deleted the "Statement of Related Applications" section of the patent application and the priority claim for this patent application. Applicant understands this is necessary for the patent application to proceed to allowance and issuance. If this understanding is incorrect in that, for example, an amendment to the priority claim or the "Statement of Related Applications" section can be made, please contact the attorney of record as soon as possible. Further, the priority claim is not necessary for the patentability of this patent application, as the invention disclosed and claimed in this patent application is patentable over the prior art without the need for a priority claim.

3. Application in Condition for Allowance.

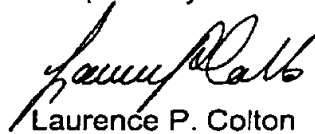
As the patent application was in condition for allowance (all other aspects of the patent application except for the priority claim were accepted by the examiner), and a substitute Inventor's Declaration was submitted on 24 June 2004, the deletion of the "Statement of Related Applications" section and the deletion of the priority claim are the last remaining items necessary for the complete allowance of this patent application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the patent application is in condition for complete allowance and requests such action.

If the examiner has any final concerns that can be addressed over the telephone, please have the examiner contact the below-signed patent lawyer of record to expedite the allowance of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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